

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 117 Bridge designations

SPONSOR(S): Kosmas

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

| REFERENCE | ACTION | ANALYST | STAFF DIRECTOR |
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| 1) <u>Transportation Systems (Sub)</u> | <u>9 Y, 0 N</u> | <u>PUGH</u> | <u>MILLER</u> |
| 2) <u>Transportation</u> | <u></u> | <u></u> | <u></u> |
| 3) <u>Transportation & Econ. Dev. Apps. (Sub)</u> | <u></u> | <u></u> | <u></u> |
| 4) <u>Appropriations</u> | <u></u> | <u></u> | <u></u> |
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Section 334.071, F.S., specifies that the Legislature may designate roads, bridges and other transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes.

HB 117 designates the new Rose Bay bridges on U.S. 1, between the cities of New Smyrna Beach and Port Orange, in honor of U.S. military personnel who are prisoners of war (POW's) or who are declared missing in action (MIA's). The city commissions of those two municipalities have passed resolutions in support of this legislation, and the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization also has expressed support.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is directed to erect suitable markers at either end of each bridge to denote the honorary designation. The markers will cost FDOT approximately \$1,600.

HB 117 does not raise any apparent constitutional issues. It takes effect upon becoming a law.

(NOTE: The Transportation Systems Subcommittee on March 5, 2003, adopted without objection three amendments and one amendment to the amendment that added more honorary road designations. The subcommittee then voted 9-0 to report HB 117 favorably as amended.)

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FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. DOES THE BILL:

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| 1. Reduce government? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Empower families? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Section 334.071, F.S., provides for legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not erase the current names of the facilities, nor do they require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings. The statute requires FDOT to place a marker at each terminus or intersection of an identified road or bridge, and to erect any other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility.

Based on FDOT records, 969 honorary road and bridge designations have been approved since 1922, most of them by the Legislature. Some public roads and bridges have multiple or overlapping designations.

HB 117 dedicates the three new Rose Bay bridges on U.S. 1 between New Smyrna Beach and Port Orange, to U.S. military personnel who are either POW's or MIA's. The New Smyrna Beach and Port Orange city commissions have passed resolutions in support of dedicating the new bridges in honor of POW's and MIA's, and the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization also is in support.

The bill also directs FDOT to erect suitable markers conveying these designations.

HB 117 takes effect upon becoming a law.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Dedicates the new Rose Bay bridges in honor of U.S. POW's and MIA's.

Section 2: Directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Section 3: Specifies this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

FDOT estimates the cost of each marker at \$400, so for four markers, the total estimated expenditure from the State Transportation Trust Fund is \$1,600 in FY 03-04. FDOT also will be responsible for any future maintenance and replacement costs, of an indeterminate amount.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable. HB 117 does not affect municipalities or counties.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

FDOT has sufficient existing rule-making authority to implement HB 117.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

At its March 5, 2003, meeting, the Transportation Systems Subcommittee adopted without objection three amendments and one amendment to an amendment. Briefly:

- Amendment #1 designates S.W. 8th Street between 60th Avenue and 57th Avenue in Miami-Dade County as the "Ramon Puig Way."
- Amendment #2 designates four roadways:
 - The New River Bridge (bridge number 390031) on State Road 16 in Bradford and Union Counties is hereby designated as the "John S. 'Steve' Dennard Bridge;"
 - State Road 121, from the Georgia-Florida line in Baker County to the city limits of Lake Butler in Union County is designated as the "Ed Fraser Memorial Highway;"

- State Road 16 from the northwestern Starke City limits in Bradford County to State Road 121 in Union County is designated as the "Correctional Officers Memorial Highway;" and
- That portion of Interstate 95 in Nassau County is designated as "Trooper Charles W. Parks Memorial Highway."

o Amendment #3, and its amendment to the amendment, designates three roadways:

- State Road 100, beginning at the western city limits of the Town of Flagler Beach in Flagler County to the eastern city limits of the Town of Bunnell, is designated the "Veterans Memorial Highway;"
- State Road 207 in St. Johns County, between the intersection of U.S. 1 and the eastern city limits of the Town of Hastings, is designated as the "Upchurch Memorial Highway;" and
- State Road 207 in St. Johns and Putnam counties, beginning at the eastern city limits of the Town of Hastings and ending at the intersection of U.S. 17, is designated at the "Kelley Smith Highway."

The subcommittee then voted 9-0 in favor of HB 117, as amended.